

EXHIBIT 74

Adopt the *International Residential Code 2009* with the following amendments:

1) Delete Section R313:

SECTION R313

~~AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS~~

~~R313.1 Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler systems.~~ An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in townhouses.

~~Exception:~~ An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall not be required when additions or alterations are made to existing townhouses that do not have an automatic residential fire sprinkler system installed.

~~R313.1.1 Design and installation.~~ Automatic residential fire sprinkler systems for townhouses shall be designed and installed in accordance with Section P2904.

~~R313.2 One and two family dwellings automatic fire systems.~~ Effective January 1, 2011, an automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in one and two family dwellings.

~~Exception:~~ An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall not be required for additions or alterations to existing buildings that are not already provided with an automatic residential sprinkler system.

~~R313.2.1 Design and installation.~~ Automatic residential fire sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with Section P2904 or NFPA 13D.

2) Amend Section R302.2 as follows:

R302.2 Townhouses. Each townhouse shall be considered a separate building and shall be separated by fire-resistance-rated wall assemblies meeting the requirements of Section R302.1 for exterior walls.

Exception: A common 12-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 is permitted for townhouses if such walls do not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to and be tight against exterior walls and the underside of the roof sheathing. Electrical installations shall be installed in accordance with Chapters 34 through 43. Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4.

3) Add (but not adopt) Appendix R as follows:

APPENDIX R FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM

The provisions contained in this appendix are not mandatory unless specifically referenced in the adopting ordinance.

AR101.1 Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler systems. An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in townhouses.

Exception: An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall not be required when additions or alterations are made to existing townhouses that do not have an automatic residential fire sprinkler system installed.

AR101.1.1 Design and installation. Automatic residential fire sprinkler systems for townhouses shall be designed and installed in accordance with Section P2904.

AR102 (Replaces R302.2) Townhouses. Each townhouse shall be considered a separate building and shall be separated by fire-resistance- rated wall assemblies meeting the requirements of Section R302.1 for exterior walls.

Exception: A common 1-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 is permitted for townhouses if such walls do not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to and be tight against exterior walls and the underside of the roof sheathing. Electrical installations shall be installed in accordance with Chapters 34 through 43. Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4.

AR103.1 One- and two-family dwellings automatic fire systems. An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in one- and two- family dwellings.

Exception: An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall not be required for additions or alterations to existing buildings that are not already provided with an automatic residential sprinkler system.

AR103.1.1 Design and installation. Automatic residential fire sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with Section P2904 or NFPA 13D.